GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:479
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2003
FOOD SAFETY COMMISSION
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO;KAMAL NATH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is a need for an independent Comprehensive Food Safety Commission;

(b) if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 479 FOR 23.4.2003

Central Committee for Food Standards (CCFS) already exists under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services where all the State Governments, various other Central Government Ministries, Directors of Central Food Laboratories and Trade and Consumer Associations are members. Various problems related to food safety and laying down the Standards for various food products are discussed from time to time.

A Group of Ministers (GOM) has been constituted to propose legislative and other changes for preparing an Integrated Food Law.